



King County

Veterans' Program

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King County Veterans Program Advisory Board Meeting Summary May 20, 2015 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm WorkSource Renton

Call to Order

King County Advisory Board Chairman Scot Pondelick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Salute the Flag.

Roll Call Board Members Present: David Waggoner, Scot Pondelick, Chuck Murrell, Doug Hoople, Chuck Vitiritti, Beth Shepard, Don-Michael Bradford, Stan Gunno, Fred Pepper, Todd Mitchell, Julia Sheriden, Monique Brown, Curtis Thompson, Erik Campbell, Nick Sullivan, John Pruitt,

Board Members Excused/Absent:

Gary Cashman

County Staff Present:

Pat Lemus DCHS- KCVP
Rich Garmong DCHS- KCVP
Rita Sanchez DCHS – KCVP

Guest Present:

Susan Navetski – KC Human Resources
Lauren Davis – Forefront/Suicide Prevention
Robin Eckstein – VFW 2713
John Phillips – South Seattle College

Susan Navetski KC Human Resources gave a presentation on the King County Veteran's HEROS program. Back in 2012 KC Human Resources collaborated with DCHS Veterans Program to create an internship for veterans. Veterans were hired for 6 months. Each veteran was assigned a staff mentor, a case manager and provided employment support.

Objectives:

- Serve Veterans
- On the job training
- Transition from military to civilian jobs
- Increase veterans overall employability

Lessons learned:

- Being labeled an intern seems like a step back
- Too much time between recruitment and start date
- Participants would like longer experience and ability to work 40 hrs. per week
- Would like case managers to assist with transition but not be a requirement
- Clearer pathway to employment

Program Outcomes

- Veterans reported being better prepared for civilian employment
- Employers reported gaining a fresh perspective and understanding of military skills
- Making friends and contacts for life

KC Advisory Board would like follow-up:

- How many people continue employment
- How many are temporary employment
- What are the demographics on the participants (gender, race, service time, age disabilities)

King County HERO Internship program for Veterans changes:

- Create Two tracks- Internship Track and Fellowship Track
- Provide employment extensions fully paid by departments
- De-centralize hiring and placement
- Provide year round hiring

Susan will come back at a later date to give an update on HERO Program

Lauren Davis from Forefront/Suicide Prevention gave a brief description on HB 1713 "Ricky's Law". HB 1713 would integrate the involuntary chemical dependency and involuntary mental health statutes to allow involuntary detentions based on chemical dependency and would allow parent-initiated substance abuse treatment.

Lauren is asking the KC Veterans Program advisory board for their support by providing a letter to Senator Hill.

Curtis Thompson made a motion on floor to change the wording in the letter to state Long Standing Congressionally Chartered and provide all Advisory Board members name and affiliation to the letter.

Motion Passed

Stan Gunno made a motion on the Floor to send the letter of support for "HB 1713 Ricky's Law" to Senator Hill.

Motion Passed

Review of Meeting Summary

ACTION: Minutes for March 18, 2015 were approved with minor corrections

Committee Reports (Brief overview of the Advisory Board Committees)

Executive Committee: Met on May 20th to bring all the Committee Chairs together and follow up with since the Annual Retreat.

Budget & Finance Committee: Met and on May 20, 2015. Erik Campbell gave a detail overview of the financial charts with comparison to 2014 to 2015.

- Interested in cost per head
- How many Vouchers went toward housing expenses
- Measure activity and effectiveness

Programs Committee: No Meeting

Appeals Committee: No Meeting

Rich Garmong Program Overview & Update- Today was the Second Annual Job Fair and South Seattle College 200 Veterans attended and 70 employers. Next event s:

- AMVETS on the May 27, 2015.
- Saturday, May 30, 2015 Veterans Resource Fair in the Tacoma Dome.
- July 16, 2015 Job Fair at the Washington State Convention Center

Legislative update: No update

Levy update: Curtis Thompson gave a brief update on the Joint Veterans and Citizens Levy Committee doing fiscal review and oversight. One of the recommendations by staff was for the mobile medical unit to include a person doing casework to be able to connect and file claims on behalf of veterans.

Old Business

- Fred Pepper follow-up on posters

New Business

- Speaking Engagements/Training
- Ethics Training
- Memberships/ Levy Oversight Board
- Standard Briefing/ PowerPoint for KCVP Advisory Board
- KCVP Downtown Seattle office is moving in July 11, 2015
- Best Start for Kids Levy

Scot appointed a Committee to design a program to use for PR in the Community

Next Meeting

Wednesday June 17, 2015

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Veterans Resource Levy May 30, 2015

Puget Sound Honor Flight

Section Issaquah - 350 Veterans

VA Parking Lot A will close / Drop off point at original main entrance

May 30, 2015 Fund Raiser at Applebee's Factoria Square 8:00 am

Memorial Reception - AL Post 160 West Seattle

DAV State Convention first week of June held in Yakima

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm